

**BEFORE**  
**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DOCKET NO. 2010-238-E**

**IN RE:**

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Application of South Carolina Electric )  
& Gas Company for a Certificate of )  
Environmental Compatibility and Public )  
Convenience and Necessity for the )  
Construction and Operation of a 230 kV )  
Transmission Line from its Denny Terrace )  
Transmission Substation to its Pineland )  
Transmission Substation )  
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**HEARING EXHIBIT NO. 4**

On page 5, lines 15-17, of his prefiled direct testimony, South Carolina Electric & Gas (“SCE&G” or “Company”) Witness Young states that “SCE&G’s Transmission Planning studies show that the northeastern portions of Columbia have experienced increases in customer load demand of approximately 12 to 15 megawatts (“MW”) per year over the past several years” and that “[a]lthough economic conditions have reduced the projected overall load growth in the short term, the Columbia northeast area and the areas surrounding the Interstate Highway 77 corridor continue to have substantial load increases with customer load demand in the Blythewood, Pineland, and Killian areas now exceeding 300 MW.” At the hearing in this matter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) was asked to provide a breakdown of the forecasted load growth in the Columbia northeast area among SCE&G’s customer classes.

In response to Commission's request, ORS made inquiry of the Company. The Company informed ORS that, due to the inherent difficulties and complexities associated with forecasting load growth among individual customer classes on individual circuits and because the Company is concerned with only the overall load growth on individual circuits, it does not forecast load growth on individual circuits (or individual areas) by customer class. However, SCE&G informed ORS that it installed a total of 3,800 new meters in the Columbia northeast area during the two-year period from 2008 to 2009. Of these new meters, approximately 82% were for residential customers and 18% were for commercial customers. A total of 4 new meters were set for industrial customers. Moreover, SCE&G informed ORS that it anticipates this trend to continue into the future.